



2026 MARCH WHĀNAU PĀNUI

Ka kitea a Poutūterangi, kua tīmata te hokinga atu rā o Hine Raumati ki tua o te paerangi. Kei ngā matamatahuānga o tā tātou kaupapa, o MANUKURA nei, tēnā tātou katoa.

This month, we have had the opportunity to connect with you, our whānau, to discuss your child's overall progress at MANUKURA. We truly appreciated the time spent together, whether kanohi ki te kanohi or via video call, as we all play a part in supporting our rangatahi to continue to grow and succeed in achieving their goals. If you were unable to attend, please contact the office so we can arrange a follow-up. Teacher email addresses generally follow the format: firstname@manukura.school.nz.

We also hosted a visit from NZQA to review our management of National Assessment (NCEA), including our assessment and moderation practices, as well as how we use data and communicate with staff, students, and whānau. We are confident of receiving a favourable report.

On the sports front, we extend our sincere thanks to Whaea Orohena and our parent support crew, who enabled four teams of rangatahi to travel to the National Waka Ama competition. Nei rā te mihi maioha o te ngākau.

The SANIX Rugby Girls 7's Team are ready to depart to Japan. They have put in the hard yards and now we wish them safe travels and the best of luck for their campaign as they represent Te Iwi Māori and our country at this international event.

We round out the month with our much-anticipated exchange with TIPENE. Our students, particularly our young men, are excited for this opportunity and have been preparing their haka, waiata, and kōrero for several weeks. We look forward to a special occasion that celebrates Māori boys' excellence and leadership.

Nāku nā Nick Fonotoe

Tumuaki Taupua



IMPORTANT MESSAGES

LOCKERS

Each student is allocated a locker for their belongings, but they are responsible for supplying their own padlock.

Please ensure your tamaiti/mokopuna has either a padlock or combination lock to keep their belongings secure.

Currently there is only approximately 5% of our students who have a padlock on their lockers.

TERM TWO

Please note the changes to timings for Term Two:

START DATE: 20TH APRIL 2026

MON: 7.45am - 3pm

TUES: 7.45am - 3.45pm

WED: 7.45am - 3.45pm

THURS: 7.45am - 3.45pm

FRI: 7.45am - 3pm

Buses will operate to these timings, please arrange pick ups accordingly.

LOST PROPERTY

Whānau please take the opportunity this term break to name your tamaiti/mokopuna belongings: shoes, clothing, towels, bags, laptop, EVERYTHING. This will help us to return lost property to the rightful owners.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL?

1st April: Term 1 Ends

2nd April: Staff Only Day

3rd - 6th April: Easter

7th - 8th April: St Patricks Classic Basketball Pre Season Tournament

18th April - 2 May: Japan Sanix World 7s Tournament

20th April: Term 2 Begins

24th - 26th April: Kapa Haka Wānanga #2



ADMINISTRATION

PHYSIO

We are fortunate enough to have Dean and his team from **Movement IQ Physiotherapy** onsite at MANUKURA.

Injuries must be reported to code leads/coaches, who will arrange an appointment with Whaea Tania in the office.

Some requests that are coming through are associated with muscle soreness rather than injury, so keep encouraging your child to stretch, roll, hydrate and eat well to help with this.

Office: 06 354 9531

APPOINTMENTS

Please endeavour to book doctors/ dental appointments outside of school time, so your tamaiti/mokopuna does not miss out on important learning instructions / classes.

Haircuts and personal care/ beautician appointments are not an approved reason for missing classes.

COUNSELLING

Te Wakahuia Counselling Services is a Kaupapa Māori holistic counselling service for rangatahi/tamariki, whānau, local schools, and groups within our community.

Whaea Kelly Jarvis is available each Monday and Thursday. Students can book an appointment through Whaea Tania at the office
admin@manukura.school.nz

DENTIST

New Zealand high school students entering Year 9, up until their 18th birthday, are eligible for free basic dental treatment.

Below are two options available in Palmerston North.

Lumino

0508 881 481

Carpenters Dental

06 355 8218

ABSENCES

We have had quite a high rate of absences this term, and lifting attendance is a shared responsibility. School leaders, boards and whānau all play vital roles in supporting students to be at school and learning. Please whānau, we ask that you let us know of any upcoming absences to both the office and the year lead, and organise any school work which your tamaiti/mokopuna can keep up to date with during their absence.

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Yr12:

renee@manukura.school.nz

Yr13:

tanu@manukura.school.nz



2026 BUS ROUTES

Levin

6.40am Bath Street, Levin Intercity Stop
6.55am Foxton iSite Information ,92 Main Street
Foxton
7.10am Shannon (Near the Foxton/Shannon turnoff,
(by the 70 k traffic sign)
7.20am Tokomaru - Williams Rd/Makeura Rd Turn off
7.21am Tokomaru Hall
7.25am Linton - Tennent Drive (just past Linton
Camp Rd)

7.40am MANUKURA

Our Levin bus this term is at capacity so it is really important that students who are not entitled to take that bus do not jump on when they feel like it. Any changes or requests **must** to come through to the office.

Feilding/Kelvin Grove

6.55am Feilding Intermediate
7.10am Stonebrook Lane (on Stoney Creek Rd)
7.15am 26 McLeavey Drive Bus Stop
7.17am 124 Roberts Line
7.20am 84 Roberts Line (Woolworths)
7.23am 45 Rata Street
7.24am Vogel Street (Opp Oceans Takeaways)
7.25am 157 Vogel Street
7.26am Memorial Park on Main Street
- Opp Weston Ave
7.28am Cnr Ferguson and Stewart Cres
7.30am Albert St (past Hokowhitu School)
7.32am St Albans Church, Albert St
7.34am 8 Te Awe Awe St by Wallace Park

7.40am MANUKURA

Town

6.55am Cnr Seddon & Liverpool Sts
6.57am 181 Featherston St
7.02am Ruahine St, Hospital Stop near Puriri st
7.04am 1 Fairs Rd
7.05am 70 Langely Ave
7.06am 37 JFK Dr bus shelter by Langley Ave
7.08am 112 Benmore Ave
7.10am 72 Benmore Ave
7.11am 109 Gillespies Line
7.12am 198 Tremain Ave
7.13am 156 Tremain Ave
7.14am Cnr Turakina & Halswell Sts
7.17am 24 Pembroke St
7.18am 120 Monrad St
7.19am 580 Pioneer Highway
7.20am 5 Maxwells Line
7.23am 77 Slacks Rd
7.25am 36 Pitama Rd
7.26am 12 Pitama Rd
7.29am West End School, Botanical Rd
7.30am 35 Park Rd
7.32am 156 Park Rd
7.35am 301 Fitzherbert Ave Harringtons Lodge
7.37am Massey University Stop

7.40am MANUKURA



TIPENE MANUKURA EXCHANGE



‘E rangatira ai te tū, me aorangi te titiro atu.’

I tōia mai te kei o te waka o Tainui ki runga i a Turitea, i te tatūnga mai o ngā uri o te Pā o TIPENE inanahi rā. I harikoa te ngākau i te hokinga mai o tō tātou amokapua a Pā Nathan me te whakapiringa o ngā kura e rua, nāna tonu i ārahi, ā, e ārahina tonutia ana e ia. Ko te kaupapa matua, kia whakanuia ngā mahi angitu a ā tātou taitamatāne, kia waiho mā rātou ngā haepapa e ārahi.

Māori Boys Excellence and Leadership - that was the overarching theme of the past two days spent with TIPENE. Whether on the paepae kōrero, leading haka and waiata; on the court or on the field; in the kitchen washing dishes, wiping tables, and sweeping; or on the stage debating, performing, and simply being - excellence and leadership were evident throughout.





TIPENE MANUKURA EXCHANGE



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It was an honour to witness the potential of our young men being realised, the future leaders of our whānau, hapū, and iwi.

Pā Nathan left us with words that stirred our minds and hearts, challenging us to create our own systems and ways of being to ensure that all of our boys succeed.





YEAR LEADS UPDATES

Year 9 - Awhina Rameka

As we approach the final week of term, it has been awesome to reflect on the many highlights across our Year 9 cohort. Our ākonga are embracing our MANUKURA kaupapa, enjoying their sporting codes, and making the most of option classes: Cooking, Music, and Art, alongside their academic learning.

The early morning trainings continue to challenge the tinana, but we are already seeing strong growth in mental toughness, determination, and a willingness to rise to the kaupapa each day.

In English, students have successfully completed their first novel study, *'The Pōrangī Boy'*, and are now stepping into a creative writing task where they will re-craft the ending as their formative assessment.

Students have also been revisiting their Individual Pathway Plan goals. We encourage whānau to check in with your taiohi and celebrate the progress being made.

Overall, it has been a positive, settled, and exciting start to the year, with strong foundations being built both academically and personally.

Year 11 - Toni Manuel

All students have had a taste of the expectations of NCEA Level 1 assessments and the importance of time management. Individual Performance Plans (IPP's) are complete with student goals for Term One. Ask your tamaiti to share theirs with you. As previously mentioned, full attendance is an expectation, and we thank whānau for the part you play in ensuring this happens.

Year 12 - Renee Matoe

All Year 12 students have settled well as we near the end of Term One. The increase in content knowledge and work load has seen many students become more efficient in their time management and intent in classes. It will be important for all students to be clear and confident in their plan moving into Term 2 as winter sports begin.



YEAR LEADS UPDATES

Year 13 - Tanu Aumua

Our Year 13 students have shown real maturity and growing leadership this term, consistently stepping up to shape the culture of our kura. From organising and running engaging house events like Swimming Sports, to actively supporting stations and ensuring full participation, they have taken ownership of collective success. Their daily role-modelling through training and kapa haka has set a clear standard of excellence for younger students, especially as we prepare for interschool competition. The potential of this group is evident—not just in what they are doing, but in how they are choosing to lead with purpose, accountability, and pride.





ART

Junior Art Programme

Could colour be a language that communicates meaning beyond words?

Our junior artists explore mixing precise hues, how colours interact, and how different cultures understand colour symbolism. This invites students to see colour not just visually, but as a powerful tool for thinking, questioning, and expression.





MANUKURA

ART



Taihua: Is your thinking truly your own or shaped by what you've been taught to accept?

With places like Taranaki in Aotearoa now recognised with legal personhood, there is a growing understanding that the land can be seen as a living ancestor, not something to be owned. In response, Taihua Mathieson-Julian has been exploring how colonisation has impacted the whenua, drawing connections between what has happened to the land and to people. His work reflects on how ideas like the Doctrine of Discovery helped justify taking land and weakening Indigenous communities, often pushing them toward Western ways of living.

Excellence isn't awarded, it emerges through understanding, shaped by how deeply students connect with what they believe in.



BIOLOGY

Our Y12 Biology students recently visited two streams to collect data for their assessments due at the end of term. It was a wet day but the students all got on with it and were awesome.



Our Y11 science students had much better weather for their trip earlier this week. It was an exciting day for all, and it was great to see the students outside putting their new knowledge and skills to use. They did a great job.

HOUSE SPORTS

The **Amazing Race** inter-house event is a deliberate learning experience where engagement grows through active, social, and purposeful challenge.

It explores literacy as a code beyond words expressed through movement, symbols, and interaction. Students interpret, respond, and collaborate, showing that learning is felt and performed, and that every moment holds the potential to be a teachable one.

Instructions: Firstly, scan the **Amazing Race** QR code. Then decode the riddle or quote and respond by recreating the scene as a freeze-frame performance.





PŪHORO WĀNANGA

On the 5th of March, Year 12 and 13 students that are registered with the Pūhoro programme attended a wānanga with students from across the Manawātū region. Māpūrau is the name of the kaupapa which offers a Te Ao Māori perspective on STEM - Mātauranga Māori, Pūtaiao and Hangarau/Pāngarau. Students were placed into small groups and then given challenges testing their problem solving, critical thinking and group work skills combined with their knowledge of these curriculum areas.





KAPA HAKA

Taku kunenga mai he whirikōkō, taku kunenga mai he manako, taku rewanga mai he TŪ TOA, taku rewanga mai he manako. Taku tairanga mai he MANUKURA taku tairanga mai he manako, ka tau hā whakatau hā! The '2026 Road to Tauranga' campaign has begun and the excitement is real. With our first wānanga set to take place this weekend. We wait in anticipation as our focus turns from 'Whakangahau' to 'Whakataetae'.



MUSIC

Term 1 has been a great start to the year, with performance assessments already well underway across all levels. Our junior music programme is showing real promise, with standout efforts from Year 9 students Ruakere Mathieson-Julian and Timotuha Mcleod-Te Peeti, alongside Kyren Howearth-Ngamotu in Year 10, who has made impressive progress in both beat-making and piano.



At the senior level, NCEA Level 1, 2, and 3 students have also been shining, with highlights including Te Kapuhuia Poihipi (Level 1), Ihaka Whanarere - Tauri and Messiah Murray (Level 2), and Lucy-Maree Karatea (Level 3). Well done to everyone on a strong first term. We're excited for Term 2 as students move into songwriting, creating original pieces, and entering national competitions, especially building on last year's success with Ihaka Whanarere-Tauri coming first place in the 2025 Māori Waiata section. Scan the QR Code to see Ihaka's assessment performance.



SPORTS ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Merenia Houltham: Congratulations to Merenia who paddled at the recent Waka Ama Nationals in Rotorua and came away with a Bronze in the U19 Girls W1 250m event.



Kealey Perez: Congratulations to Kealey who competed at the U19 World Boxing Futures Cup 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand. She won gold at the World Boxing Futures Cup. This makes her a World Champion for Samoa, and she has also made history by securing Samoa's first ever gold medal at a world-ranked boxing event.

Grace Christensen: Congratulations to Grace for winning double Gold medals at a Tournament in Tauranga during 14th - 15th March.



SPORTS CODES

RUGBY LEAGUE

We are fortunate to have a talented U15 rugby league side whose collective potential points toward a bright future. With only two sessions together, the team showed resilience and composure in a tight contest against a well-established Linton Cobras side. What stood out was how the group worked for one another laying strong platforms, communicating clearly, and finishing sets with intent. This team is beginning to understand its identity, and with time and consistency, their growth as a collective will be special to watch. For more information and to stay up to date with MANUKURA Boys Rugby, please visit our [Boys Rugby Facebook Page](#).

TOUCH

Term One Touch winds up this week and it has been a very successful term. Term One Touch has always had a focus on establishing tikanga down at the fields, participation and discovering new talent. Behaviour and fair play by the MANUKURA students was exceptional.

With five teams entered, the two senior girls teams excelled against male opposition each week highlighting the natural talent they have. Coach Jayda Maniapoto will have a few selection headaches when choosing her NZSS Squad for Term Four. In the Boys grade it was pleasing to see improvement within the junior programme and also see some new talent emerging. This will give the senior boys Touch some competitiveness when Term Four arrives.

